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A G E N D A

CITY-COUNTY COMMON MEETING

Tuesday, September 13th, 2005 - 8:50 a.m.

444 Cherry Creek Road - Building "D"

I. MINUTES

- A. Common Meeting of July 12, 2005
- B. Common Meeting of August 1, 2005
- C. Special Common Minutes of August 17, 2005

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IV. PRESENTATION

- A. Homeland Security/Metropolitan Medical Response System - Equipment Overview & Display

V. ADJOURNMENT

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COMMON MEETING MINUTES

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COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jon Camp, Dan Marvin,, Patte Newman, Ken Svoboda;

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Jonathan Cook, Robin Eschliman, Annette McRoy

MAYOR SENG: In Attendance

COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bernie Heier, Larry Hudkins, Deb Schorr, Ray Stevens, Bob Workman; *COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:* None,

1. MINUTES

- A. Approving Minutes from the July 12, 2005 Common Meeting
- B. Approving Minutes from August 1, 2005 Common Meeting
- C. Approving Minutes from the August 17, 2005 Special Common Meeting

Chair Patte Newman Called the Minutes of July 12, 2005 and August 1, 2005 together for approval. These minutes were approved by unanimous consensus of the Common Members present. The Minutes of the August 17, 2005 Special Common Meeting were then called with approval by unanimous consensus except for Mr. Heier who abstained from the vote.

THIS MEETING WAS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS:

Homeland Security/Metropolitan Medical Response System - Equipment Overview & Display

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

ADJOURNMENT - Ms. Newman announced that after the completion of Mr. Ahlberg's presentation and the Common Members over-view of the equipment and procedures that had been set up for their review and information, the meeting would be adjourned by affirmation of the Chair.

PRESENTATION:

Homeland Security/Metropolitan Medical Response System - Equipment Overview & Display: Mr. Doug Ahlberg, Emergency Management Director, greeted everyone and explained the purpose of this Common presentation. The national media had been very critical of some communities across the country for the way those communities had spent their Homeland Security and Metropolitan Medical Response System funds. There may have been problems in some communities, but Mr. Ahlberg wanted Lincoln and Lancaster County citizens and elected officials to know exactly how, why, when and where, those Federal funds received by this community had been allocated. He did emphasize that no Homeland Security Funds had been spent on vehicles.

Mr. Ahlberg explained the readiness level of local responders to any disaster, either man-made or natural. He indicated that the entire community had worked together to insure that all agencies were linked by compatible communication options so that everyone would be able to communicate with any agency or office necessary to insure the efficient and competent handling of any situation.

All communication systems were inter-operational with back-up systems in place should the main system fail for any reason. The equipment was on hand and event-ready. The command trailer was one that could be transported to any location and be functional upon arrival. The de-con tents could be used for any bio-chemical incident or utilized as a field hospital, triage center or morgue, as necessary. The responders were well trained and prepared.

Mr. Ahlberg encouraged every elected official in attendance to inspect the equipment and talk with the personnel who were gathered to answer any and all questions they might have regarding this communities preparedness for an emergency response. He hoped the equipment would never have to be placed into service, but noted that the community could rest assured that, if the need arose, they would be prepared.

[See Attachment for Details of Homeland Security and the Lincoln Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) Grant Funding Use]

Submitted by
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